

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 290

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the medical professionals of the Erlanger Health System.

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2016, a great tragedy befell the Chattanooga community and the State of Tennessee when a bus transporting thirty-seven students from Woodmore Elementary School crashed into a utility pole and overturned, killing six children; and

WHEREAS, this was one of the worst school bus accidents in the history of Tennessee, but the first responders of Chattanooga and Hamilton County were prepared for the emergency, answering the call immediately and rendering life-sustaining assistance at the scene; and

WHEREAS, these intrepid first responders included representatives from the Chattanooga Police Department, Chattanooga Fire Department, Hamilton County Emergency Medical Service, Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, and Tennessee Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, the victims, all of them children, were quickly received and treated at either the Erlanger Health System's Children's Hospital or Baroness Hospital, both of which are renowned level I trauma centers; and

WHEREAS, the courageous medical professionals at both hospitals demonstrated leadership, dedication, composure, and compassion in providing swift, effective emergency care and comprehensive treatment in a mass casualty situation, springing into action to save as many lives as possible; and

WHEREAS, these medical professionals' training, experience, and expertise were instrumental in saving the lives of thirty-one victims of the crash; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to offer our thanks to these devoted caregivers for making the ultimate difference between life and death during this emergency; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the medical professionals of the Erlanger Health System for providing expeditious and effective treatment to the victims of the Chattanooga school bus crash on November 21, 2016, thus ensuring that thirty-one children will know the joy of growing up.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.